

RASD

**Board Meeting
Tuesday, December 4, 2018
SCLS- Bellport, N.Y.**

The meeting was called to order at 9:59 a.m.

Members Present: Azuree Agnello, Laurie Aitken, Wendy Bennett, Alex Blend, Jo-Ann Carhart, Rachel Cecchini, Robert Cognato, Joan Cook, Sal Filosa, Emily Guerrero, Dave Jones, Ruby Marchetti, Mary McNulty, Wonda Miller, Maureen Nicolazzi, Nicole Rambo, Laurel Scalera, Lauren Scottaline, Tim Sicurella

Lauren Scottaline made a motion to approve the November minutes with no corrections. Joan Cook and Jo-Ann Carhart second the motion.

President's Report: Lauren Scottaline reported that SCLA President Kristen Todd-Wurm plans to create a sustainable and useful budget which will help to shape how the entirety of SCLA plans and coordinates events such as the Annual Dinner and conference participation (including sponsorship of programs at the NYLA Annual Conference). Once the living document is created for SCLA, Kristen will then work with the Divisions to assist in creating similar budget documents. Kristen plans to make this the main focus of her work as Past President in 2019. Lauren plans to assist her in this process, in addition to any other assistance that she may be able to give to the Division in her capacity as Past President starting on January 1, 2019. The date of the December SCLA Board Meeting will be moved and announced ASAP.

Out of the 124 registered for the SCLA Annual Dinner in November, 30 were able to make it; many were unable to attend due to the weather and traffic. The LDA Award was received by the winner. The digitization of raffle tickets was a huge success, so though there were so few in attendance, the raffle was unaffected. This is a great benefit of our partnership with NYLA.

The date is set and the bus is booked for Advocacy Day: February 27, 2019.

The Fandom Outreach Committee of SCLA outdid themselves in the work that they provide to the entire county. They had an entire wing dedicated to library services and drop-in crafting for youth and their parents at the multi-day LI Geek Con. From promoting digital and learning services to showcasing the many programs that Suffolk County libraries offer youth and adults both via flyers and on-the-spot exercises, they continue to be one of the best parts of our entire organization. They are an example of

how we can connect the library with patrons and Lauren hopes that RASD can partner with and learn from them in the future.

DASL will hold its annual luncheon on December 12th at the County House in Stony Brook; the speaker will be a staff member of the Tenement Museum in New York City. All are welcome to attend.

SSD will host a transitional meeting on December 5th, allowing time for each outgoing and incoming officer to address changes and answer questions. This is an exemplary way of conducting business and depending upon the number of Board changes in a given year, one which the RASD Board may want to consider in the future.

YASD will host its annual luncheon on December 6th at the Irish Coffee Pub in East Islip; the speaker will be author Jen Calonita. Current YASD President Rebecca Goldstein accepted our offer and attended our annual luncheon in October, thus, Lauren will be attending to represent RASD.

Lauren would like to thank everyone for their assistance, especially this year, for all their efforts and support. She encouraged everyone to remember that running a division is a joint-effort and that when one member is down or overwhelmed, it is the responsibility of the Board to pitch in as has been done in the past. Lauren looks forward to working alongside the Board in 2019, assisting as needed.

Treasurer's Report (November): Maureen Nicolazzi reported that the opening balance was \$4,750.44. **Total revenues** from new members/ continuing dues and the RASD Annual Luncheon was \$2,071.70. **Total expenses** from the RASD Annual Luncheon was \$500.27. The **closing balance** as of November 10, 2018 was \$6,321.87

Outstanding: -\$75.00 for Electronic Resources meeting refreshments (submitted on November 1, 2018)

(December): Maureen Nicolazzi reported that the opening balance was \$6,321.87. **Total revenues** from new members/ continuing dues and the RASD Annual Luncheon was \$108.00. **Total expenses** was \$00.00. The **closing balance** as of December 3, 2018 was \$6,429.87

Outstanding: -\$75.00 for Electronic Resources meeting refreshments (submitted on November 1, 2018). (\$130.00) for the RASD Luncheon Raffle deposit which was submitted on November 29, 2018. (\$195.00) for RASD Luncheon at door registrations which was submitted on November 29, 2018. (\$171.73) for Health Concerns reimbursements which was submitted on November 30, 2018.

C.A.R.E.: Nicole Berroyer reported that the CARE Committee hosted 3 speakers from Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults and Helen Keller Services for the Blind on Thursday, November 15, 2018 at SCLS in Bellport.

The Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults is a foundation in the United States that provides services for individuals who are both blind and deaf. Services include onsite training at HKNC headquarters with experts in assistive technology, vocational services, communication, orientation and mobility, independent living, and more.

Helen Keller Services for the Blind serves the New York City/ Long Island area, with training facilities in Brooklyn, Hempstead and Ronkonkoma, and a low vision eye service in Sands Point. HKSB also provides services in home, work, and community settings throughout the region. Services include training with experts in orientation and mobility, daily living skills, low vision, assistive technology, employment/placement and more.

Helen Keller is looking to partner with libraries to help their clients find jobs. The clients would start as interns for 12 weeks, with the possibility of becoming an employee at the library. They have so far placed 1 person in a library with tremendous success.

The next CARE meeting is Thursday, February 14, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. at SCLS. Nicole is hoping to have a presentation given by Lisa Owens from Long Island Cares.

Electronic Resources: Dave Jones reported that the next committee meeting will be on Wednesday, December 19th at SCLS. It will be a round table discussion about digital literacy training. 2019 meeting dates and topics are currently being discussed.

Health Concerns: Sal Filosa reported that over 30 people attended the Health Concerns Breakfast in November. The slides from the presentation are on the RASD website. A program for the Long Island Library Conference is being considered and more information about that will be emailed to the Board.

Historian: Robert Cognato reported that all items are up to date and he is wrapping up the materials from 2018.

Long Island History: Inez Foster and Emily Guerrero reported that the last committee meeting was on Thursday, November 29th at SCLS. There was a discussion about the success of June's trip to the Three Village Historical Society. The committee set up a date for for the April Showcase. It will take place on April 11, 2019. The date for their next trip will take place on June 13, 2019. If anyone has any programmer suggestions for the showcase, please let Inez or Emily know.

Long Island Reads: No report.

Media: Tim Sicurella reported that Valerie Lewis spoke at the last meeting about creating memory kits for Alzheimer's and dementia patrons. Nicole Rambo also spoke about the piper computer kits that are being used at Middle Country Public Library. The next Media committee meeting will be on Wednesday, February 13th. The topic is TBD.

Member-at-Large: Laurel Scalera reported that thank you letters for the luncheon donations were sent out. Materials have been created to assist the new Member-at-Large with their responsibilities next year.

Membership: Jessica Newmark reported that there are currently 205 members, which is an increase from the 199 members that we had at our last meeting.

M.O.S.A.I.C.: No report.

New Adults: Rachel Cecchini reported that the committee had its Programming Round Table on Monday, November 19th at SCLS. There were 13 attendees from different Suffolk County Libraries and several ideas on how to engage with New Adults were discussed.

The New Adult Committee intends to have more frequent meetings in 2019. The dates and topics for these meetings are being finalized by committee members and the committee is aiming to have an official list of dates and topics by the end of the year.

O.A.R.S.: No report.

PR and Marketing: Jo-Ann Carhart reported that the March 14th meeting will be held at the East Islip Public Library. The speaker will be Jackie Clement from the Fair Media Council.

The January 17th meeting will be at SCLS and the committee will recount all of the entries for the SLMA Award. The winner of this year's SLMA Award is the Port Jefferson Free Library for their National Star Wars Day Campaign. Sal Filosa accepted the award on behalf of the library.

Programs: Lauren Scottaline reported that the Long Island Library Conference Committee is moving forward with a guest speaker. The official report will be available in January after the December SCLA Board meeting.

Ramblings: Wendy Polhemus-Annibell reported that submissions for the next issue of Ramblings will be due in late January. Wendy will send out the Google Doc draft for members to edit or they can send their submissions to: wannibel@gmail.com

The SCLA newsletter will be due in January so please keep that in mind for spring meetings.

Reader's Advisory: Azuree Agnello reported that the next committee meeting will be on Thursday, January 24th at SCLS. The topic of the meeting is family saga fiction. Currently, there are 16 committee members. The blog is completely updated with posts from within the last five years.

Webpage: Wonda Miller reported that she will update the websites as she sees the posts, however, it's best to email her at wmillers@johnjermain.org with any updates or information you want posted on behalf of your committee. Any committee chairs who would like to update their committee pages on the website should contact Wonda for page access.

New Business: Lauren Scottaline reported that Elaine Perez shared a detailed description for filing expense-related paperwork with the SCLA Board. Copies are available for anyone to take.

Lauren proposed an update to the official RASD logo. Several designs were shown to the Board and a new logo was voted on. The new logo will become the official RASD logo beginning in January 2019.

Congratulations to Amber Gagliardi, who had a baby girl earlier in the month. Both Amber and baby girl Lily are doing well.

Old Business: Lauren Scottaline pointed out that the phrase "professional development hours" should be used instead of CEUs.

The meeting was closed at 10:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Cecchini